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Indiana Hopes To Be
New State Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.--(BP)--Indiana Southern Baptists hope to organize a state convention of Southern Baptist churches in 1958.

Messengers to the second annual meeting of the Regional Fellowship Association of Indiana Southern Baptists held in the Hoosier capital recently adopted this resolution:

"That in preparation for the 1957 session we invite and urge every church to send three to five messengers in addition to the pastor for the purpose of making plans looking to the organization of a state convention in the fall of 1958."

Registration for the two-day meeting totalled 176.

According to reports given at the session, Southern Baptists in Indiana now have 79 churches and 34 missions with 16,186 members. They reported 2,007 baptisms in the past associational year and gifts to the Cooperative Program totalling well over \$50,000.

Indiana is the key state in the pioneer mission area now being developed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, according to A. B. Cash, Atlanta, director of pioneer and mountain missions for the board.

This pioneer mission area extends from Minnesota through the Great Lakes region to western New York state, he said.

Cash stated, "By the spring of 1957 the 1,000th Southern Baptist church will be established north of the Ohio River." Not all of these are in the pioneer stage, however, since Southern Baptist work in Illinois is 50 years old.

Officers elected at the fellowship meeting were Walter R. Davis, Hammond, president; C. W. Lawrence, Evansville, vice-president, and V. B. Castleberry, Connersville, secretary.

Messengers requested the direct mission secretaries of Illinois and Kentucky to name state promotional leaders of Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union.

Child Care Challenges
Face Southern Baptists

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptists are facing important changes in child care work today, according to an article in the October issue of Baptist Program.

The article is entitled "Child Care Is Changing." It describes some of the changes in the last 25-30 years in the administration of Baptist children's homes and orphanages.

"Today's children are different," declares Theo Sommerkamp, a contributing editor to the magazine. Once a high percentage came from homes broken by death of parents. Now they come from homes where parents have separated or divorced.

Many of the almost 5000 children in 27 Baptist children's homes are emotionally disturbed. They have come through some sort of a tragedy.

Baptist homes for children are less institutionalized. They are sending children to school and church in the community rather than to a special school and church on the campus of the children's homes.

Special garb for children living at the institution has been replaced by normal dress for children their age. Dormitory-type living quarters are giving way to cottages where a few children live in care of a housemother or married couple. Some children can be placed in foster homes.

The Baptist homes for children are confronted with lack of finances to employ personnel at the homes and caseworkers for outside contacts, the article continues.

"The opportunities ahead for Southern Baptists' children's homes provide a challenge to the denomination," Sommerkamp concludes.

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Friends Start Courtney
Scholarship At Baylor

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--A Luther Weeks Courtney Memorial scholarship fund has been instituted at Baylor University by friends and former students of the man who served the school 37 years as professor of English.

Dr. Courtney, who died Sept. 22 from a heart attack, had spent 48 of his 76 years teaching in Baptist colleges -- Furman University, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Baylor.

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Colleges Invest Funds
Through Foundations

NASHVILLE--(BP)--A survey of 30 Southern Baptist colleges and universities indicates they are investing 63 per cent of their endowment through state Baptist foundations.

The survey, conducted by Grady E. Welch, of Louisiana College, Pineville, La., is reported in the September-October issue of Southern Baptist Educator.

The 30 schools included in the survey had \$26½ million in endowment. They had almost \$16½ million of this invested through the state Baptist foundations.

Next largest amount, \$2½ million, was invested in real estate loans.

The 30 institutions surveyed are three-fifths of the total number of colleges and universities operated by Southern Baptists.

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Eight Sign Abstract
For Seminary Record

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Eight new faculty members signed the abstract of principles at Southern Baptist Seminary here recently to become the largest group in Southern's history to sign the document at one time.

The abstract is a doctrinal statement prepared by the seminary's founders. It has been signed by every member of the faculty since origin of the school in 1859.

The signing ceremony was part of the opening exercises for the seminary's 98th year.

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.....Francis W. Bonner, dean of the men's college at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., has been named chairman of the university's English Department. He succeeds the late Dr. R. N. Daniel.

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.....Roy Beaman, professor of biblical introduction at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, left Sept. 27 for a year's study at the University of London. He will do research work in archaeology.

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.....First-day enrolment at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was 42 above the 1955-56 figures, with the lead over the past year remaining steady as enrolment continued.

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.....W. R. White, president of Baylor University, spoke Sept. 30 to launch a week-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of North Augusta, S. C. His topic was "The American Heritage of Religious Freedom."

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